

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1998 SESSION

CHAPTER 106

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 22.1-212.2 and 22.1-253.13:6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to educational planning.

[H 1340]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 22.1-212.2 and 22.1-253.13:6 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-212.2. Statewide Electronic Classroom Program.

From such funds as are appropriated, the Board of Education shall establish a Statewide Electronic Classroom Program. The Statewide Electronic Classroom Program shall be made available to every public high school by July 1, 1990.

The Board may utilize the services of the Commonwealth's five educational television stations and earth satellite stations as well as any other appropriate technology for the purposes of implementing the Statewide Electronic Classroom Program.

The services of this program shall be limited to educational purposes. Educational purposes shall include, but not be limited to, classroom instruction in subject areas which are not available in all schools and inservice training for instructional, administrative and support personnel.

~~The Department of Education shall develop a detailed five-year plan to make educational technology, particularly the Statewide Electronic Classroom Program, an integral part of public school education. The Board shall review and approve the five-year plan and may require the revision of such plan as it deems necessary.~~

§ 22.1-253.13:6. Standard 6. Planning and public involvement.

A. The General Assembly and the Board of Education believe that careful planning is essential for providing educational programs of high quality and that public involvement is a fundamental component of meaningful planning for public schools.

B. The Board of Education shall revise, extend and adopt biennially a statewide six-year improvement plan which shall be developed with statewide participation and shall be available for public inspection and copying. This plan shall include the objectives of public education in Virginia, an assessment of the extent to which these objectives are being achieved, a forecast of enrollment changes and an assessment of the needs of public education in the Commonwealth. In the annual report required by § 22.1-18, the Board shall include an analysis of the extent to which these Standards of Quality have been achieved and the objectives of the statewide six-year improvement plan have been met. *The Board shall also develop, as a part of its six-year improvement plan, a detailed six-year plan to make educational technology an integral part of public school education. The Board shall review and approve the six-year plan and may require the revision of such plan as it deems necessary.*

C. Each local school board shall revise, extend and adopt biennially a divisionwide six-year improvement plan which shall be developed with staff and community involvement. Prior to the adoption of any divisionwide six-year improvement plan, each local school board shall make the plan available for public inspection and copying and shall conduct at least one public hearing to solicit public comment on the divisionwide plan. Each public school shall prepare a biennial plan which shall be given consideration by its school board in the development of the divisionwide six-year improvement plan. The divisionwide six-year improvement plan shall include the objectives of the school division, an assessment of the extent to which these objectives are being achieved, a forecast of enrollment changes, a plan for managing enrollment changes including consideration of the consolidation of schools to provide for a more comprehensive and effective delivery of instructional services to students and economies in school operations, an evaluation of the appropriateness of providing certain regional services in cooperation with neighboring school divisions, a plan for implementing such regional services when appropriate, a technology ~~component~~ plan consistent with the six-year technology plan for Virginia adopted by the Board of Education, and an assessment of the needs of the school division and evidence of community participation in the development of the plan. A report shall be presented by each school board to the public by November 1 of each odd-numbered year on the extent to which the objectives of the divisionwide six-year improvement plan have been met during the previous two school years.